

Mansfield Conservation Commission
Meeting of February 12, 2002
Audrey P. Beck Building, Conf. Room B
7:30-9:30 PM

Call to Order: 7:33 PM.

Present: *Members* - Robert Dahn, Robert Thorson, Mary Rodgers, Jennifer Kaufman (No Quorum Present) ; *Staff* - Grant Meitzler; *Visitors* - Harvey Luce, Donald Holmes.

IWA Issues:

- Depot Associates. Donald Homes presented the case for a 17 lot subdivision off Maple Road with special attention to permanent easement access to adjacent town-own land. Field trip to the property was helpful. Members were concerned about slope erosion on bedrock slope below property to south, assuming potential clearing for a view-lot; linkages of this area to a greenway; preservation of stone walls, especially those near historic property boundaries, and future parking to natural preserve access.
- W1162 - Luce - Mulberry Road. Dahn recused himself, being an abutting property owner. Luce presented the history and plans for development of the parcel and a mini-lecture on nitrogen uptake on downstream wetlands. Commission members noted the quality of the environmental assessment.

No action was taken owing to lack of quorum.

Old Business:

- Fenton River Water Levels - Low; consistent with recent weather.
- Thorson reported on attendance of CC members Thorson, Silander, and Kessel at Town Water Study.
- Thorson reported on attendance of CC members Thorson and Kaufman at recent Lands of Unique Value Presentation.
- Kaufman reported grant proposal (or funding?) for town trail maps.
- Naubesatuck Lake gasoline study ends with status quo due to insufficient data.
- Discussion of Cluster Housing by Jim Gibbons will take place on March 14, 1-3 PM at Town Hall. Several CC members are interested in this concept, rather than the alternative of cookie-cutter roadside housing developments.

New Business:

- Dahn mentioned recently introduced Connecticut Bills 68, 71, and 72 relating to plans of development and 76 about traffic/parking issues.